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TAGS: PDEV, WA, SF
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DFA OFFICIAL SAYS MISSION OFF TO A
GOOD START

REF: PRETORIA 4514

1. NEIL VAN HEERDEN, AIDE TO FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA, TOLD EMBASSY
POLITICAL COUNSELOR THIS MORNING, AUGUST 7, THAT AHTISAARI'S
MISSION HAD GOTTEN OFF TO AN EXCELLENT START. HE SAID THAT THE
DFA WAS ENCOURAGED WITH THIS PROMISING BEGINNING. VAN
HEERDEN CHARACTERIZED AHTISAARI'S STATEMENTS AND ANSWERS TO
NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS AS "GOOD." HE SAID THAT THE SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE'S HANDLING OF THE QUESTION ON WALVIS BAY WAS
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"PARTICULARLY USEFUL."

2. VAN HEERDEN SAID THAT SECURITY OFFICIALS HAD BEEN ANXIOUS OVER
THE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE BETWEEN THE DTA AND SWAPO SUPPORTERS
WHO GATHERED AT THE AIRPORT. "I WAS GREATLY RELIEVED," HE
SAID, " THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO TROUBLE AND THAT, IN FACT, THERE
WAS SOMETHING OF A CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE."

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